

MT. SAVAGE REFRACTORIES OFFICE BUILDING

AL-V-A-036

Foundry Road, Mt. Savage  
early 1900's

The Mt. Savage Refractories Company acquired the business of firing bricks from the Union Mining Company during the latter half of the 19th century. The original industry dates to 1831 at which time the fire clay mineral necessary for brick production was discovered in the area. The present brick office building was constructed in the early 1900's. The eyebrow dormer found on the north side of the building is not commonly found in Allegany County.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Savage Refractories Office Building

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Foundry Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☐ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☒ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mt. Savage Refractories Company

Telephone #: 264-3571

STREET & NUMBER

Foundry Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21545

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 408

Folio #: 109

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mt. Savage Refractories Office Building is located on Foundry Road in Mt. Savage, Maryland.

The block of this one story, three bay wide structure is of rectangular shape supported by a low cut rock-faced stone foundation. The walls are made of multi-shaded brick laid in stretcher bond. A brick belt course surrounds the building lying approximately four feet from the ground. There is a beveled water table. Windows in the structure include tall double hung wooden sash frames with six over one lights. The front entrance on the north side of the structure is laid behind a semi-circular brick arch, which is constructed with an alternating pattern of six rows of stretcher bond followed by six rows of header bond, etc. The door is original and contains vertical panels. The roof is hipped with replaced asphalt shingling, and features a soffit, frieze, and houndstooth trim. Also featured is an eyebrow dormer on the north side. There is one original corbeled brick chimney located to the interior of the west end.

The building is structurally sound, retains most all of its original fabric, and is in excellent condition.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Mt. Savage Refractories Office Building as it presently stands was built in the early 1900's. However, the company dates back to 1831. Up until that date, fired bricks for construction had to be brought from England. In 1831, the fire clay mineral necessary to manufacture bricks was discovered on Big Savage Mt., which was approximately 1 mile west of where the plant was to be located. From that time on, Mt. Savage became known in Allegany County for its brick refractories. The Union Mining Company ran the operation for many years until the present Mt. Savage Brick Refractories Company came into existence.

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Interview with Joseph Lilly, Mt. Savage Refractories, November 23, 1976

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.18 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

10/13/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-V-A-036

408/109

DATE: 9/20/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

2.18 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Savage Refractories Office Bldg.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: FOUNDRY ROAD, MT. SAVAGE

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH 264-3571

NAME OF OWNER: MT. SAVAGE REFRACATORIES COMPANY

ADDRESS: Foundry Rd.

Mt. Savage 21545

STORIES: 1(☒) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(☒) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(☒) BRICK: Bond type- common English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE cut

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK ROCK FACED STONE

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(☒) 4/1  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: NORTH

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

Semi-circular Arch

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze

Houndstooth  
Trim

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS # 2

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)

Architrave  
Eye brow

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original( ) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

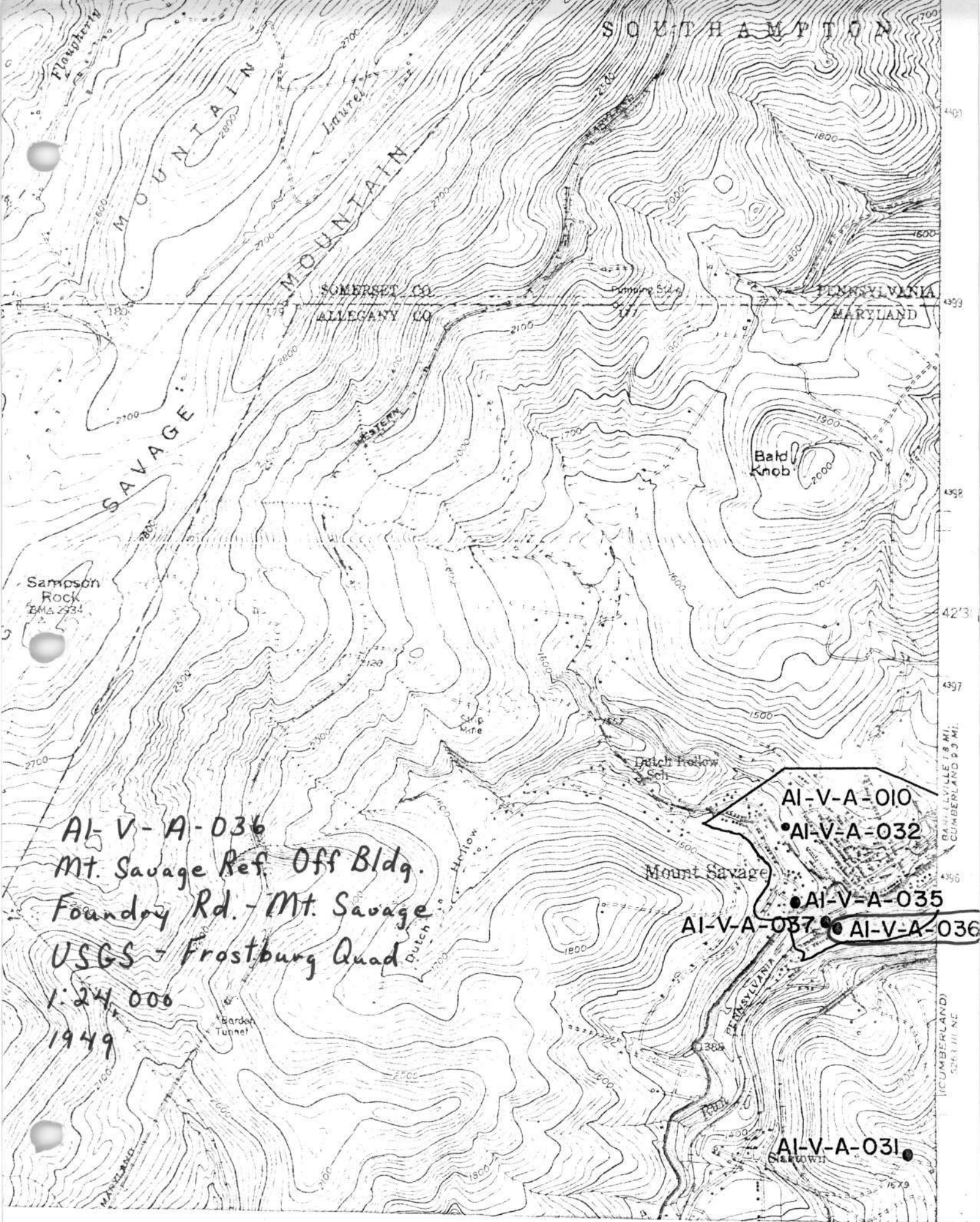
Use - office

Significance - Arch

Date Constructed - 1921

Condition - excellent





SOUTHAMPTON

Flaugherty  
MOUNTAIN  
MOUNTAIN  
Savage

SOMERSET CO  
ALLEGANY CO

PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

Sampson  
Rock  
BMA 2934

Bald  
Knob

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Mt. Savage Ref. Off Bldg.  
Foundry Rd. - Mt. Savage  
USGS - Frostburg Quad

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1949

AI-V-A-010  
AI-V-A-032

Mount Savage

AI-V-A-035  
AI-V-A-037 AI-V-A-036

AI-V-A-031  
Sawtown

RAVENSVILLE 1.8 MI.  
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI.

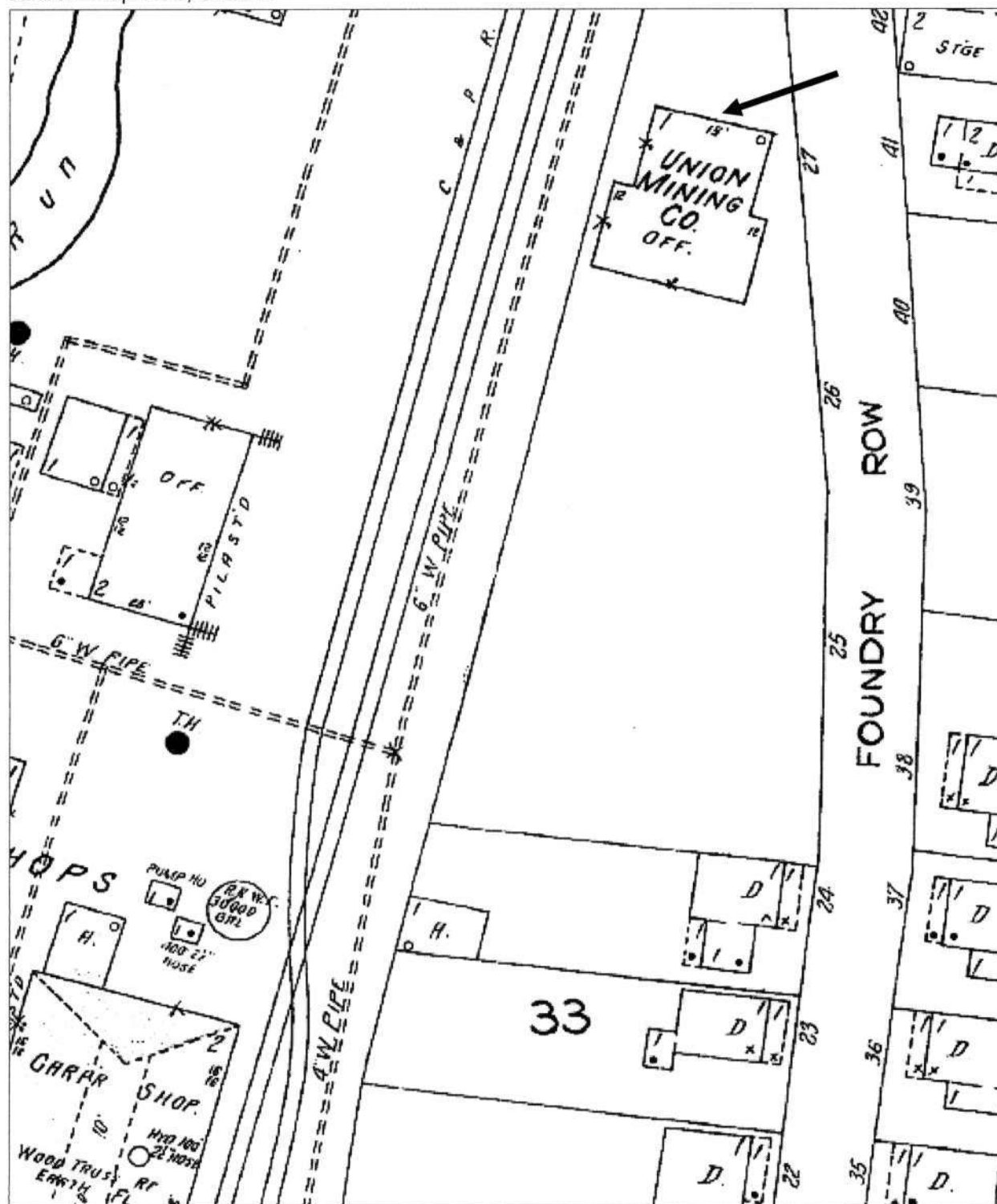
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5263 III NE

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Mt. Savage Refractories Office Building (Union Mining Co. Office)

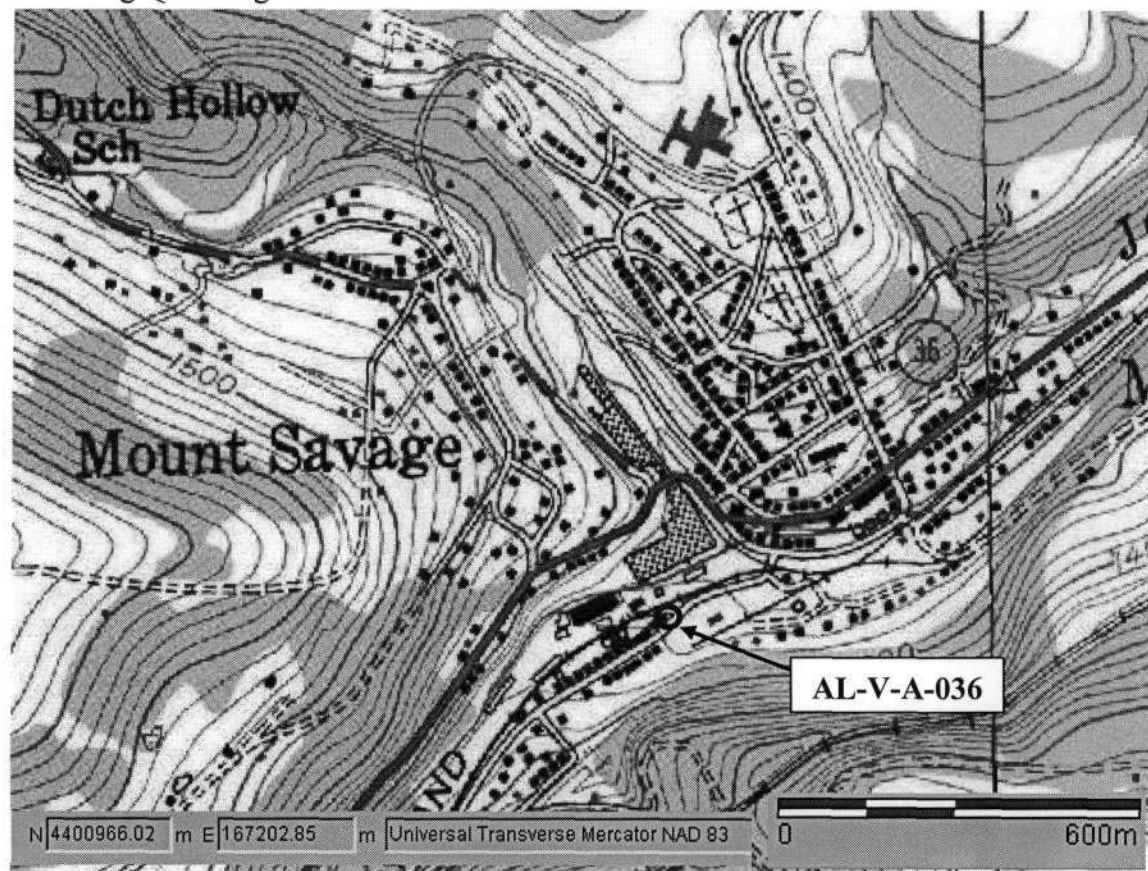
Foundry Row, Mt. Savage

Sanborn Map 1926, Sheet 5





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Savage Refractories Office Building  
Foundry Road  
Frostburg Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo





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Savage Refractories - Office  
Building

Foundry Rd. Mt. Savage

John Nelson

9/26/76

Southwest



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Savage Refractories Office  
Bldg.

Foundry Rd. 1 Mt. Savage

9/20/76

John Nelson

northwest





FIGURE 60

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SAVAGE REFRACTORIES OFFICE BLDG.

Foundry Rd. Mt. Savage

9/20/76 - John Nelson

Southwest